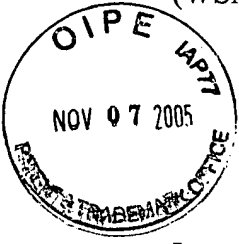


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chow et al.
Serial No.: 09/911,907
Filed: July 23, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2182
Before the Examiner: Niketa I. Patel
Title: METHOD TO COMMUNICATE PHY MEAN SQUARE ERROR TO
UPPER LAYER DEVICE DRIVER FOR RATE NEGOTIATION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 22, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections to the claims in view of the following amendments and comments.

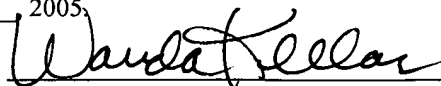
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

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